



Digital Connectors Program

Participant Application 2012-2013

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations! You have taken the first step toward becoming a Digital Connector. By completing this application, you are expressing your serious commitment to help others and to better yourself. If you are selected as a Digital Connector, you will join a national group of young leaders who are making a positive difference in the lives of others and opening doors to opportunity.

The Digital Connectors program is a unique opportunity for you and your peers to serve your community through technology and leadership. One Economy Corporation, a leading non-profit that works to bring technology to low-income communities across the United States and around the globe, sponsors this national youth program.

Many youth from around the city will apply for the program, so make sure that your application stands out among the very best. Please answer all questions completely. If you have any questions, call or email the contact person on the application. **We will not review incomplete applications.**

Based on the applications we receive, a group of candidates will be chosen and invited to an interview. The interview will be your opportunity to shine and to tell us anything we might not have learned from your application. For some of you, the interview might also be your first real-world work experience. A panel of people will interview you, and you will want to arrive prepared, energized, and on time. From the interviews, we will select our finalists and announce the 2012-2013 Digital Connectors.

Open to applicants between 14 and 21 years old

(Space is limited to 15 students. One participant per household. Participants must live in Raleigh City limits.)

ALL GRADUATES RECEIVE \$500 AND A LAPTOP!!!!

Program Schedule & Location:

September 18, 2012 – May 23, 2013

Tuesday & Thursday nights, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Saint Monica Teen Center, 15 North Tarboro Road, Raleigh, NC 27610

Please return your completed application to:

City of Raleigh
Information Technology Department
Attn: Linda Jones
1 Exchange Plaza, Suite 900
Raleigh, NC 27602
Tele: 919-996-5468
Fax: 919-996-7969
Linda.Jones@raleighnc.gov

Application Deadline is Friday, July 27, 2012 by 12:00 noon

PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Name			
Home Address			
City, State, Zip			
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Social Security Number			Age
Date of Birth		E-mail	
Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):			
Address(es) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s):			
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Phone Number(s):			
Home	Work	Cell	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) E-mail Address (es):			
EDUCATION			
Name of High School (Current)			
Grade		Expected Year of Graduation	
WORK / VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE			
List your previous work and/or volunteer experience. Start with the most recent.			
Employer Name	Position	Dates of Employment Month/Year	Contact Info Supervisor, Address, Phone
1)			
2)			
3)			

TECHNOLOGY				
Rate your ability to use computers:				
<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all				
Have you ever TAKEN a technology course or training before?				
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
Course Name		School Name		
Have you ever TAUGHT a technology course or training before?				
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
Course Name		School Name		
Do you have a computer at home? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
Do you have Internet access at home? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
How often do you use a computer?				
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> 3 times per week <input type="checkbox"/> Once a week <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all				
How often do you surf the web?				
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> 3 times per week <input type="checkbox"/> Once a week <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all				
SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGY SKILLS				
How do you rate your skills in the areas below? Mark one box for each area.				
Area	High	Medium	Low	Not at all
Internet (Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc.)				
E-mail (Outlook and Web)				
Instant Messenger (AOL, Yahoo, MSN, etc.)				
Microsoft Office (MS Word, Excel, Access, etc.)				
Web Design (HTML, Dreamweaver, FrontPage)				
Digital Media (Music, Photography, Video)				
Graphics (Photoshop, Illustrator, etc.)				
PDA's/Handhelds				
Wiring and Cabling for Networks				
Software Installation				
PC Troubleshooting and Maintenance				
Operating systems (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Windows XP/Vista <input type="checkbox"/> Mac O/S				
Network Administration				
Blogs, Discussion Groups, Podcasting				
Other:				

Short Answer Questions

Answer each of the questions below. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

1. Describe a situation or experience where you have taken leadership:

2. As a leader, what are your strengths and challenges?

Strengths (at least 3):

Challenges (at least 3):

3. Describe a situation or experience where you have been a teacher to someone:

4. What are your future goals?

5. The Digital Connectors program is an exciting technology initiative that bridges youth with others in their local neighborhoods to promote technology awareness and adoption. In one paragraph, share why you want to be part of this program and what you want to learn as a program participant.

Please sign and print your name to verify that all information stated is correct.

Privacy Notification: **City of Raleigh** maintains strict confidentiality and privacy practices to safeguard your personal information. By submitting an application you will provide personally identifiable information including, but not limited to your name, address, social security number, telephone number and student identification number. The information you provide will be used for the sole purpose of processing your application. If accepted into a stipend based or internship program, your information will be used to process stipends and wages. **City of Raleigh will** restrict access to your information to only those who have a business reason to know your information, unless required by law.

Digital Connector Applicant

Date

Parent / Guardian of Digital Connector

Date